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*You are receiving this email from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency because you have expressed an interest in our work at the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site. We will not share your contact information with any third party. All recipients are blind copied.*

**In this email:**

- Reminder to register for EPA's online information session.
  - Please send your input before the EMJ comment period ends September 27.
  - Lower Duwamish Waterway field work wraps up.
  - Lower Duwamish Waterway Group agrees to plan and design the LDW middle reach cleanup.
  - Ecology's virtual open house available through September.
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**Please register to attend the Earle M. Jorgensen Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis online information session August 25:**

We will hold an online information session about the cleanup options on **Wednesday, August 25, at 6:00pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend. [Please register to attend the information session on Zoom.](#)

EPA will present information, and answer questions, about the proposed cleanup options presented in the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis. No decisions will be made during the information session and ***spoken comments will not be recorded.*** Find out how to comment: [www.epa.gov/superfund/lower-duwamish](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/lower-duwamish)

The information session will be held via Zoom in English. Interpretation in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Khmer is available. **You'll be asked for your [name and email address, and which of these languages you prefer, in the registration form.](#)**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions about how to join the Zoom session on August 25.

**Written comments accepted until September 27:**

We are accepting **written comments** on the proposed cleanup options until **September 27.** Please email your comments to [Region10@epa.gov](mailto:Region10@epa.gov).

To learn more about the *Earle M. Jorgensen Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis* go to [www.epa.gov/superfund/lower-duwamish](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/lower-duwamish)

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This summer contractors for the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group have completed six weeks of sediment sampling and survey work in the southern two miles of the Duwamish Waterway, the upper reach. Two boats with specialized equipment were used to collect sediment samples and cores. Some sampling was done on foot from shore. The sediment samples are now at laboratories for testing. Other work during this period included surveying, inspections of bank conditions for stability, and collection of geotechnical data. This is the second phase of data collection to support the upper reach remedial design. In 2022 the report evaluating the results of the 2020 and 2021 sampling will be completed, with engineering design to follow.



The Lower Duwamish Waterway Group has signed an agreement with EPA to design the cleanup for the middle reach. The middle reach is the 1.4 mile stretch of the waterway north of Duwamish Waterway Park. After selecting a contractor, the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group will plan and complete pre-design investigations and engineering design. The middle reach investigation and design timeline overlaps with their work on the upper reach design.

For questions about the phase two sampling or the middle reach design, please contact Elly Hale, [hale.elly@epa.gov](mailto:hale.elly@epa.gov)

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From the **Department of Ecology**: Ecology is hosting a [virtual open house](#) to educate and involve the public in its source control efforts. The virtual open house provides opportunities to learn more about contamination in and around the waterway and Ecology's role and goals for cleanup. Participants can also share thoughts about the cleanup and find out how to stay engaged. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Through September 30, 2021 you can visit Ecology's virtual open house to:

- Learn more about contamination in and around the waterway, partners involved in cleanup, and Ecology's role and goals for controlling sources of contamination.
- Explore the timeline for upland (land-based) cleanup and the status of individual sites along

the waterway.

- Share feedback on how it's going – let us know how we can better engage with you and your community!

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Thank you!

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